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1. The airfield was about 6,600 feet east of TULA (37°37'N/44°12'N), Tula Oblast, north of the Upa River, 1,600 feet from the silk factory (Shnena Fabrika)(sic).
2. There were four or five hangars, but no runway.
3. The following aircraft types were observed at the field:
  - a. Twin-engine low-wing monoplane, far projecting in-line engines, suspended underneath the wings, double rudder assembly, landing gear retracting rearward, conspicuously high and far projecting cockpit, presumably three-bladed propeller. About 80 percent of the planes observed were of this type.
  - b. Twin-engine bomber, low-wing monoplane radial engine, single rudder assembly, retractable landing gear, trapezoidal wings. Aircraft of this type, which were seen less often than the first described, undoubtedly also belonged to the unit stationed at the field.
  - c. Twin-engine transport, low-wing monoplane radial engine, single rudder assembly, retractable landing gear. These were frequently observed landing and being unloaded.
4. Individual and formation flying and frequently firing at ground and towed sleeve targets were observed, but no night flying.
5. Low-wing jet monoplanes coming from a southern direction (Oblast?) were first observed over Tula in April 1948. They left in the same direction. The air intake aperture was in the nose. The air exhaust under the fuselage was clearly discernible, looking like a kind of step. The planes frequently fired at towed sleeve targets, which they approached from the side.

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